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FOR CU FROM AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS

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SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT FOR SUPPORT OF SECOND NATIONAL  
OLYMPIAD FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERSONS

1. I HAVE RECENTLY MET WITH A BRAZILIAN REPRESENTATIVE CONCERNING POSSIBLE CU AND/OR OTHER SUPPORT FOR THE SECOND NATIONAL OLYMPIAD FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERSONS TO BE HELD IN BRASILIA DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 15 TO 22. THE OLYMPIAD WILL INVOLVE THE PARTICIPATION OF APPROXIMATELY 2,000 MEN AND WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 23 FROM THROUGHOUT BRAZIL. THE OLYMPIAD IS BEING PROMOTED BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FRIENDS AND PARENTS OF THE EXCEPTIONAL (APAES) WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS (DED) OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (MEC) AND THE COOPERATION OF THE STATE SECRETARIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE, DEPARTMENTS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND OTHER ENTITIES INVOLVED WITH THE EXCEPTIONAL.

2. SPECIFICALLY, I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO INQUIRE INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF CU'S PROVIDING FINANCING FOR THE TRAVEL ONLY OF A US TEAM OF WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL PLAYERS (NUMBERING APPROXIMATELY 10) TO BRAZIL TO PARTICIPATE IN A DEMONSTRATION WITH A SIMILAR TEAM FROM RIO. IF CU FUNDS FOR SUCH A PURPOSE ARE AVAILABLE, I RECOMMEND SUPPORT FOR A JOINT US/BRAZILIAN EFFORT DIRECTED AT IMPROVING THE WELL-BEING OF THE EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUAL.

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3. I HAVE ALSO BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE AN ENDORSEMENT

FOR POSSIBLE USE BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS (PRESIDENT, MR. ALAN RUBIN) IN SOLICITING FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE TRAVEL AND OTHER COSTS INVOLVED IN BRINGING SUCH A US TEAM TO BRAZIL. THE TEXT OF MY ENDORSEMENT FOLLOWS:

DEAR MR. RUBIN:

AS YOU KNOW, BRAZILIAN PRIVATE GROUPS AND EDUCATIONAL OFFICIALS ARE SPONSORING THE SECOND NATIONAL OLYMPIAD FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERSONS TO BE HELD IN BRASILIA DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. OVER TWO THOUSAND PERSONS RANGING IN AGE FROM 14 TO 23 WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT, WHOSE PURPOSES ARE TO PROMOTE THE PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXCEPTIONAL AND TO STIMULATE THE COMMUNITY'S CONSCIOUSNESS REGARDING SUCH PERSONS.

THE SPONSORS OF THE OLYMPIAD HAVE REQUESTED, AS YOU ALSO KNOW, THE PARTICIPATION OF A US WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TEAM TO PERFORM A DEMONSTRATION DURING THE OLYMPIAD. I BELIEVE SUCH AMERICAN PARTICIPATION PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THE DEEPLY ROOTED AMERICAN CONCEPTS OF VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ACTION AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I WARMLY ENDORSE THE EFFORTS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS IN SOLICITING SUPPORT FOR THE VISIT OF A US TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SECOND NATIONAL OLYMPIAD.

4. PLEASE PASS ENDORSEMENT TO ALAN RUBIN AND ADVISE AS TO POSSIBLE CU ASSISTANCE WHICH MIGHT BE PROVIDED FOR THIS EFFORT.  
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